

Commenting on Dockets USCG-2003-14792, -14749, -14757, and -14878.

We of the M.S. Dixie II and the Tahoe Queen have been members of the Passenger Vessel Association since 1986. The partnership of the PVA and the USCG has been a good one over the years. Together they have been able to come to many good and practical agreements on the implimentation of regulations to govern small passenger vessels.

We would like to thank the Coast Guard for a ruling to include the option of using an Alternative Security Program (section 101.120(b) of Title 33, CFR. We understand the PVA will be submitting an Alternative Security Program in the next few days.

We will be most interested in using the PVA Industry Standards for Security for Passenger Vessels and Small Passenger Vessels to comply with the legal obligations for security.